

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claim 10 contains allowable subject matter. Claims 8-19 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 10, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claim 10 has been placed into independent form, where the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 have been incorporated therein. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 10 has been placed into independent form. Since this claim was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicant submits that all claims of record in this application are now allowable.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance. Early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. However, if there are any questions regarding this Response, or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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